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Notice was duly published December 10, 2019 on Page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on December 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 AM. with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comments were received. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019:

911 Advisory Board Meeting

1:30 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room

Tuesday, January 7, 2020:

Commission Meeting

10:00 Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-3206 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order regarding full applications, due on or before February 26, 2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5082 In the Matter of the Application of CallCatchers, Inc., d/b/a Freedom Voice Systems, Carlsbad, California, seeking authority to withdraw its interexchange certificate of authority and cancel its tariff. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting request to withdraw. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

C-5090/
PI-229 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to investigate cable cuts affecting CenturyLink customers and to investigate ways to minimize service disruptions. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order opening investigation and setting a hearing for January 29, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion failed with Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting AYE, Commissioners Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting NAY, and Commissioner Rod Johnson present not voting.

NUSF-61.14 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, seeking to review traffic studies to determine the appropriate percentage of assessable revenues subject to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: United States Cellular Corporation's (U.S. Cellular) request for approval of traffic study. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting traffic study. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99.05 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-cost Program: CenturyLink Broadband Grant Requests 2016. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson, to enter an Order granting reimbursement request. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-108, In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on P.O. #5 its Own Motion, to make adjustments to its high-cost distribution mechanism and make revisions to its reporting requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an Order seeking comments, due on or before January 17, 2020, with reply comments due on or before February 5, 2020. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-042.68 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: Butler County. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order approving the use of PSAP set-aside funds. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-85.1 In the Matter of the Application of United Energy Trading, LLC, Lakewood, Colorado, seeking authority to change its trade name from Kratos Gas & Power to Uncle Frank Energy Services. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NG-78.7 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, for authority to adjust the System Safety and Integrity charges (2020); and

NG-101 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening /PI-224 an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska.

NG-101.1 Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy.

Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter assessment orders NG-78.7/BA-18 and BA-19; NG-101.1/BA-6. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1996 In the Matter of the Application of Nebraska Excellent Health Transportation Services, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in open class between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties over irregular routes.

RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: No;

M-14223 In the Matter of the Application of King's Moving, LLC, Gretna, seeking to extend its authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes; and

M-14251 In the Matter of the Application of Fred's Premier Transportation Services, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a Common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of household goods between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter Orders of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

PI-228 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the blocking of railroad crossings in Hall County, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order opening investigation. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

BR-576/ B-1998 In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Transportation Services, LLC, Lincoln, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Rod Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting rates on emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

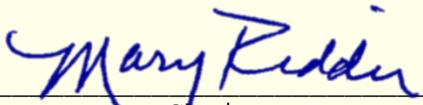
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Rod Johnson. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting.

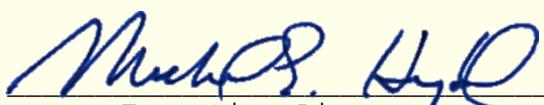
Rod Johnson	\$	893.20
Mary Ridder		737.76

Executive Director's recommendation to ratify the Schedule of Fees for calendar year 2020. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Crystal Rhoades voting NAY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM with Commissioners Rod Johnson, Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 AM on January 6, 2020.



Chair



Executive Director